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RULE 63 (37 C.F.R. 1.63)  
 DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
 FOR PATENT APPLICATION  
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Plastic Optical Fiber, Optical Fiber Cable, Plugged Optical Fiber Cable, and  
 Production Methods Thereof

(Title of Invention)

the specification of which (check applicable box(es)):

- A.  is attached hereto.  
 B.  was filed on March 8, 2002 as U.S. Application No. 10/070,616  
 C.  was filed as PCT International Application Number PCT/JP00/06093 on September 7, 2000  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and I have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application, on this invention filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns and having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Number(s)	Country	Date/MONTH/Year Filed	Date first Laid-open or Published	Date Patented or Granted	Priority NOT Claimed
11-255802	Japan	09/09/1999			
2000-058812	Japan	03/03/2000			
2000-068866	Japan	13/03/2000			

If more prior foreign applications, x box at bottom and continue on attached page.

Except as noted below, I hereby claim domestic priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) or 120 and/or 365(c) of the indicated United States applications listed below and PCT international applications listed above or below and, if this is a continuation-in-part (CIP) application, insofar as the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application is in addition to that disclosed in such prior applications, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of each such prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL, NONPROVISIONAL AND/OR PCT APPLICATION(S)	Status		
Appln. No. (series code/serial no.)	Day/MONTH/Year Filed	pending, abandoned, patented	Priority NOT Claimed

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with Customer Number 22242, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and request that all correspondence and telephone calls in respect to this application be directed to FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY, Suite 1600, 120 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603-3406, Telephone No. (312) 577-7000, Facsimile No. (312) 577-7007, CUSTOMER NUMBER 22242.



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Additional inventors, see attached pages.

Additional foreign prior art on attached page (incorporated herein by reference)

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